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NEWS TO NOTE

EMBA board positions

If you are interested in getting more involved in EMBA, consider running for a position on the EMBA Board. If you are interested in serving as a director or an officer, or if you want to recommend someone for consideration for the term beginning January 2011, please contact Carole Weinstein, EMBA Nominating Committee chairperson, by April 30. Carole can be reached at 978-263-6409 or caroleweinstein@verizon.net

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A FAMILY AFFAIR: WINNERS AT FEBRUARY EMBA SECTIONAL

Florin Ilovici and Raymond Ilovici, of Avon, CT placed first in the Saturday 49er pairs. The father/son pair played their first duplicate game in November. Local couples did well in the Friday and Saturday Open Pairs events. Pam Miller and James Rasmussen of Cambridge won the two-session Flight A Saturday Open Pairs. Kimberly Gilman and Robin Hillyard of Carlisle placed second in Flight A and first in Flight B in the Friday evening Open Pairs. More winners on p 7.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE MIXES IT UP SCHEDULE CHANGES, SPECIAL 99ER EVENT TO COME

Pleased with the turnout at the February Watertown Sectional, EMBA's tournament committee has decided to adopt the early-start schedule for Saturday events during the May Memorial Tournament, May 21 to 23. April's Saturday tournament schedule will retain the 1 p.m. starting time for the first session and the recently changed 6:30 p.m. starting time for the second session. Tournament chair Jim Rasmussen indicated that the committee will continue to evaluate feedback and turnout data from the tournaments with the early Saturday start.

0-99ers get their own tournament

On Saturday and Sunday of the May tournament weekend, EMBA will host a separate stratified sectional tournament for players with fewer than 100 points, including a separate event for players with fewer than 20 points. The 0-99er events offer a warm and welcoming environment with play at The Bridge Spot in Woburn. (For more information, see page 3.)

Stratiflighted Swiss for Sunday

Proposals to refine tournament stratifications have come from some players with more than 2000 points who do not feel they can compete effectively against players at the very top of the masterpoint scale. To address this issue, the Sunday Swiss event at the May EMBA sectional will be stratiflighted as follows: Flight A 4000+, Flight X 2000-3,999, Flights B/C/D 750-2000/300-750/0-300. Proposals to refine the stratification for other events were tabled or rejected by the Tournament Committee, which will evaluate the success of the May stratiflighted Swiss before taking any further action.



Skill is an essential component in any winning bridge partnership, but a good partnership requires something more: It requires trust that partner will keep unilateral actions to a minimum and confidence that when a situation warrants bold action, partner will be both understanding and supportive—even if the action should fail.

With those thoughts in mind, consider the situation that Dr. James (Jim) Streisand, Sudbury, MA, found himself in when the diagrammed deal occurred in the final session of the 2007 District 25 Flight A North American Pairs. He and his partner, attorney Alan Applebaum of Brookline, MA, sought to finish in the top three pairs in order to qualify to compete at the national level in the NAP finals in the 2008 Spring NABC. This was no small feat in a tough Flight A field, and at this point in the match Jim knew that he and his partner were trailing by a considerable, but not insurmountable, margin. So when this hand appeared late in the final session, Jim was faced with a decision: To bid a normal grand slam in spades, which he felt that most of the Flight A field would bid, or take the risk of bidding 7NT in an effort to win what he judged at the time was a badly needed top. If the diamonds came home, Jim could see 13 tricks in NT—either by finding his partner with the J of diamonds, sufficient length to drop the J of diamonds or possibly even a finesse in diamonds—and a little help from the defense.

As Jim recalled the hand recently, he wasn't entirely happy with the auction. But he knew that he and his

District 25 Flight A NAP 2007

Vul: None
Contract: 7 NT

Dealer: South
Opening lead: 7 of diamonds

NORTH

♠ 94
♥ K984
♦ 1065
♣ KJ108

WEST

♠ AK3
♥ Q10752
♦ J32
♣ 32

EAST

♠ Q108765
♥ A
♦ AKQ98
♣ A

SOUTH

♠ J2
♥ J63
♦ 74
♣ Q97654

South

Pass
Pass
Pass

West

Pass
2♣*
5♥

North

Pass
Pass
Pass

East

1♠
4 NT
7 NT

All pass

*spade support with 10-11 points

partner needed a good score to keep them in the running, and he hoped that partner would support his action no matter how it turned out. As you can see by the diagram above, it turned out just fine. Alan held exactly the cards Jim needed, and 7NT rolled home for a score of +1520 and 8.5 out of 9 matchpoints. If Jim had bid the safe 7 spades, his score would have been +1510 for 4.5 matchpoints. The extra points earned on the deal catapulted Jim and Alan into second place. Without the extra points won by Jim's daring bid, he and Alan would not have qualified.

Today's Shark's Pointer: Bidding decisions are not simply a matter of high card points and distribution. The state of an event or a match often influence the way you bid and play the game, and sometimes desperate times call for desperate measures. Just make sure you and partner have a mutual understanding on how you will approach these situations and what is an appropriate level of risk. Then, stick to your agreements, and support your partner no matter what the outcome.

NEW ♠♦ TO THE ♣♥ GAME

EMBA to sponsor 0-99er Sectional on May 22-23 at Bridge Spot in Woburn

On May 22-23, new players will have the opportunity to play in their very own sectional, competing against peers, winning silver points and learning more about duplicate bridge and tournament play in a warm and welcoming environment.

Each day of the two-day tournament kicks off with a lecture that focuses on how boards and duplicate events are scored and on the difference between pairs and team play, scoring and strategy.

Stratified pairs and teams on schedule

On Saturday, the lecture begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by a two-session stratified pairs game at 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Single-session entries will be accepted. For pairs with fewer than 20 masterpoints, there will be a single-session pairs games at 10:30 a.m. On Sunday, the lecture will begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by a five-round stratified Swiss Teams event at 10:30 a.m. The entry fee for the 99er tournament is \$9 per session.

Special hospitality and awards

Lunch will be provided free of charge to all players on Saturday. Hot appetizers will be served between rounds of play on Sunday. Trophies and books will be awarded to event winners and door prizes will be awarded each day. Dean Panagopolous, owner of The Bridge Spot, will oversee the 99er tournament. For more information, contact Dean at info@bridgespot.com or call 781-937-7768.

Mini McKenney & Ace of Clubs winners

Unit 108 winners of the annual Mini McKenney masterpoint race, which recognizes players with the most masterpoints won in their category, and the annual Ace of Clubs, which recognizes players with the most masterpoints won at local clubs, include the following:

Points	Mini McKenney	Ace of Clubs
0-5	Brenda Hussey	Brenda Hussey
5-20	Barry Herring	Barry Herring
20-50	Asya Ladyzhensky	Joseph Foster
50-100	Chris Halkiotis	Chris Halkiotis
100-200	Cecilla Borrás	Cecilla Borrás
200-300	Zach Grossack	Tim Hill
300-500	Richard Saval	Richard Saval
500-1000	Adam Grossack	Don MacMillan
1000-2500	Lew Gamerman	Lew Gamerman
2500-5000	Alan Applebaum	Joe Cappannelli
5000-7500	Bill Irvine	Bill Irvine
7500-10000	Mary Green	Charlie Drum
10000+	Sheila Gabay	Sheila Gabay

Gamerman wins 2009 ACBL Mini McKenney



EMBA's Lew Gamerman, who won the Unit Mini McKenney and Ace of Clubs awards for the 1000-2500 points category was also the winner of the national ACBL Mini McKenney competition for 2009. Gamerman, who is from the Boston area and currently resides in Westwood, started playing bridge at the old Boston Chess Club during his college years. But he was primarily a rubber bridge player until about five years ago, when Bob McCaw encouraged him to give duplicate a try. Now a retired businessman, Gamerman is a bridge pro and plays regularly at local clubs. Worth noting is the number of points Gamerman won in 2009: 1316. That was twice the number of points won by the second place EMBA player in his category and second only to Sheila Gabay's 1458 points for the year.



CALENDAR

EMBA TOURNAMENTS...AND MORE

Visit www.acblemba.org for more calendar information

Spring Sectional

April 9-11 2010

Armenian Cultural and Educational Center
47 Nichols Avenue
Watertown, MA

Friday, April 9

7:30 PM

Single-session stratified pairs
A open B <2000 C <750
Single-session 299er pairs

Saturday, April 10

12 noon

Build Better Bridge Skills lecture
David Metcalf

1:00 p.m. & 6:30 PM

Two-session stratified pairs
(Single-session entries accepted)
A open B <2000 C <750
Two single-session 299er pairs

Sunday, April 11

10:30 AM

Swiss Teams
Eight-match play-through
A open B/C bracketed

Single session 299er Swiss Teams
Four matches

**Order sandwich or salads before
Sunday Swiss \$6 or BYO lunch**
Free soda and chips with purchase

Tournament hosts
David and Bonnie Miller
For more information, call 617 232 9909

Partnership assistance on site

**Or, indicate your partnership needs
to www.partnershipdesk.com**

Emergency ONLY phone 617 309 6957

Memorial Sectional

May 21 - 23 2010

Armenian Cultural and Educational Center 47 Nichols Avenue
Watertown, MA

May 22 - 23 2010

Players with < 100 points
The Bridge Spot 400 Cummings Park
Suite 2900 Woburn, MA

Watertown schedule

Friday, May 21

7:30 PM

Single-session stratified pairs
A open B <2000 C <750
Single-session 299er pairs

Saturday, May 22

10:30 AM & 3:00 PM

Two-session stratified pairs
(Single-session entries accepted)
A open B <2000 C <750
Two single-session 299er pairs

Sunday, May 23

10:30 AM

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams
Eight-match play-through
A/X play separately A 4000+
B/C bracketed

**Order sandwich or salads before
Sunday Swiss \$6 or BYO lunch**
Free soda and chips with purchase

Tournament host: Norma Lande
For more information, contact
Norma at 781-883-9910

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Woburn schedule

See page 3; contact Dean Panagopolous for more information at info@bridgespot.com or call 781-937-7768.

♣ Club News ♣

Patriots' Day Marathon Monday at Westwood Duplicate Bridge Club

Celebrate Patriots' Day with your own marathon—a marathon of bridge. The first game is at 10 a.m. A second game starts at 2:15 p.m. and the third game will begin at 7 p.m. All three games are charity games. The highest combined percentage for the day wins five free plays! For more information, call Bob Simpson at 508-376-8895.

Winchester hosts Simultaneous Pairs game on Wednesday, June 30

Hands played in Winchester will be played around the world. A booklet reviewing each hand will be distributed after the game.

NAP Qualifiers start in June

Qualifying games for the North American Pairs championship are scheduled for June (see calendar). If you score in the top half of your field or flight (or at least 50%) in a qualifying game in your unit, you are eligible to play in the district finals November 5-6 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cromwell, CT. The top three pairs in flights A, B and C will qualify to play in the national NAP competition at the 2011 Spring NABC in Louisville, KY and receive cash to help offset expenses.

2009 EMBA NAP High Finishers

A 1) Alan Watson-David Becher

B 2) Richard Hudson-Steve Hudson

B 3) Barry Margolin - James Jones

C 1) Ron Briggs - Andre Wiejacki

EXTRA POINTS SPECIAL CLUB GAMES EXTRA FEE MAY APPLY

APRIL	LOCATION	MAY	LOCATION	JUNE	LOCATION
Th 1	Puritan* & Bridge Spot ChC	M 3	Westwood CC (a.m. & p.m.)	T 1	Bridge Spot & Leavitt NAP
S 3	Westwood* ChC & ChC ST 4 p.m. Puritan* ChC	T 4	Westwood CC (a.m. & p.m.) MIT Ch Pro-Am Newton Wellesley IF IMP	W 2	Westwood NAP & MIT Ch Dartmouth* & Puritan* NAP Emanuel* CC
M 5	Aliyah & Westwood No game Andover* & Bridge Spot ChC Newton-Wellesley* ChC Puritan* ChC	W 5	Emanuel* Ch ST Westwood* & MidCape CC	Th 3	Reyim NAP (a.m. & p.m.)
T 6	Puritan* & Westwood ChC MIT Ch HG	Th 6	Andover* ICC Bridge Spot ICC Reyim* ICC & Reyim ChC	F 4	Newton Wellesley* CC Bridge Spot & Westwood WW Cape Cod WW
W 7	Emanuel* No game W-wood* ICC & Dartmouth* Ch Dartmouth* Ch	F 7	Westwood* CC	S 5	Bridge Spot* & MidCape* WW Westwood* WW
Th 8	Reyim ChC (a.m. & p.m.) Bridge Spot ChC	S 8	Puritan* & Westwood* CC Westwood* ChC ST (4 p.m.)	Su 6	Bridge Spot ChC ST (2 sessions) Westwood* NAP
F 9	Bridge Spot No game	Su 9	Westwood* CC	M 7	Puritan* & Bridge Spot NAP Aliyah ChC & Dartmouth NAP Westwood No game
S 10	Bridge Spot* No game Westwood* No game	M 10	Bridge Spot CC (a.m. & p.m.) Puritan* CC & Aliyah ChC Westwood No game	T 8	MIT & Westwood NAP Newton-Wellesley NAP
Su 11	Westwood* No game	T 11	Bridge Spot CC (a.m. & p.m.) Puritan* CC Rock Harbor* ST & MIT Ch Westwood ChC	W 9	Bridge Spot* & Emanuel ICC Puritan* & Westwood* ICC Hamilton & Winchester NAP
F-Su 9-11	SPRING SECTIONAL Watertown, MA Woburn, MA	W 12	Bridge Spot CC (a.m. & p.m.) Puritan* CC Westwood* IF Reyim Ch ST	Th 10	Andover* & Dartmouth* UW Puritan* UW Bridge Spot* UW & NAP (p.m.) Reyim* UW & ChC (p.m.) Nauset-Brewster CC
M 12	Bridge Spot & Oak St* ChC Dartmouth Ch Westwood ChC	Th 13	Puritan* CC Bridge Spot CC Westwood* ChC Winchester CC	F 11	Leavitt* & Bridge Spot NAP
T 13	MIT Ch Ind & Westwood ChC	W 14	Puritan* CC Bridge Spot CC Westwood* IF Reyim Ch ST	S-Su 12-13	SECTIONAL Johnson, RI
W 14	Westwood* ChC Winchester Ch	F 14	Leavitt* & Westwood* UW Newton Wellesley UW Bridge Spot CC	M 14	Andover* & Aliyah NAP Newton-Wellesley* CC Westwood NAP (a.m. & p.m.) Oak Street* CC
Th 15	Bridge Spt ChC Reyim ChC	Su 16	Bridge Spot* 199er Party	T 15	Puritan* & Bridge Spot NAP Westwood NAP (a.m. & p.m.) MIT CC ST
F 16	Newton-Wellesley* ChC Seaside* ST	M 17	Andover* & Bridge Spot* UW	W 16	Dartmouth* & Emanuel* NAP Westwood* NAP Hamilton & Winchester UW
Su 18	Bridge Spot* 199er party Westwood* ChC	T 18	Newton Wellesley* UW Puritan* & Westwood* UW Aliyah no game Westwood ChC	Th 17	Dartmouth* & Puritan* NAP Reyim NAP (a.m. & p.m.) Westwood* & Bridge Spot NAP
M 19	Newton-Wellesley* No game Oak Street* No game Westwood* (10 & 2:15) ChC Aliyah & Bridge Spot ChC Westwood ChC	W 19	Dartmouth* CC Emanuel* No game Hamilton CC IMP	F 18	Newton Wellesley* NAP Seaside* ST Westwood* & Bridge Spot NAP
T 20	Rock Harbor* & Westwood* ChC Bridge Spot ICC MIT Ch IMP	Th 20	Reyim No game (a.m. & p.m.)	S 19	Westwood* NAP
W 21	Newt-Wellesley & WWood ICC Bridge Spot* & Dartmouth UW Leavitt* & Emanuel* UW Puritan* & Westwood* UW Hamilton ChC & Winchester Ch	F 21	Bridge Spot No game	Su 20	Westwood* NAP
Th 22	Andover* & Westwood* ChC Bridge Spot ChC Reyim* ChC & Reyim CC Westwood* & Seaside ChC	MEMORIAL SECTIONAL		M 21	Westwood NAP
F 23	Westwood* & Seaside ChC	F/Su 21-23	Open - Watertown, MA	M-S	SUMMER REGIONAL
Su 25	Bridge Spot ChC ST-AM/PM	S/Su 22-23	99er - Woburn MA	21-27	Sturbridge, MA
M 26	Newton-Wellesley* IF IMP Alyah ChC Bridge Spot & Westwood ChC	M 24	Westwood* ICC Aliyah ChC Westwood ChC	T 22	Bridge Spot* & Puritan* UW Rock Harbor* UW & MIT NAP Newton Wellesley JF ST Westwood* UW & NAP (p.m.)
T 27	MIT Ch & Westwood ChC Newton Wellesley ChC	T 25	MIT Ch & Westwood ChC Newton Wellesley CC	Th 24	Reyim No game (a.m. & p.m.) Bridge Spot ICCDartmouth & Seaside* CC
F/Tu 28-2	SENIOR REGIONAL Chatham, MA NOTE NEW LOCATION CHATHAM BARS INN	W 26	Emanuel* ChC Winchester Ch ST	F 25	Puritan* NAP
		Th 27	Reyim* ChC	S 26	Puritan* NAP
		M 31	Newton-Wellesley* JF ST Oak Street* & Aliyah No game Westwood ChC	M 28	Newton Wellesley* NAP Aliyah & Bridge Spot NAP Dartmouth NAP Rock Harbor* CC & MIT Ch
				T 29	Emanuel* NAP
				W 30	Winchester Ch

BAM=Board-a-match, CC= Club championship, CCU=Club championship upgraded, Ch=Charity, ChC=Charity championship, *=day game, ICC= ACBL Interclub champ, IF=International Fund, IMP=IMP pairs, IND=Individual, JF=Junior fund, LM/NLM= Life master/non-life master, NAP=North American Pairs qualifier, ST= Swiss team, STaC=Sectional Tournament at Clubs, UW=Unitwide game, WW=World-wide pairs. Consult www.acblemba.org for locations.

EMBA's 2009 NIFTY 150

This year, eight names were added to the ranks of EMBA's Nifty 150. New to the list in 2009 are: **Lew Gamerman, Robert McCaw, Dean Panagopoulos, Marilyn McCann, Joyce Pearson, Derrick Niederman, Yiji Starr and Margaret Malaspina. Lew Gamerman** made the biggest rank gain in 2009. Points are rounded to whole numbers and recorded through 12/31/09.

1 Lloyd Arvedon	21,886	32 Randall Ray	5,163	77 Perry Trilling	3,166
2 William Hunter	19,378	33 Rena Lieberman	5,156	78 John Whistler	3,138
3 Shome Mukherjee	18,634	34 Leslie Popper	5,084	79 Donald Robertson	3,118
4 Sheila Gabay	17,134	35 Ron Newburg	5,074	80 Marjorie Shuman	3,113
5 Melvin Marcus	15,611	36 Ronnie Ferestien	5,008	81 Henry Daley	3,094
6 Stephen Gladyszak	12,576	37 Alan Applebaum	5,005	82 Charles Polay	3,090
7 Pat McDevitt	12,239	38 Bob Gorse	4,875	83 Phyllis Fireman	3,045
8 Daniel Colatosti	11,259	39 Harriett Leavitt	4,864	84 Kathy Benjamin	3,044
9 Chet P. Davis, Jr.	10,577	40 Lou Kelleher	4,635	85 Marina Polestra	3,016
10 Mary Green	8,632	41 Richard Burns	4,613	86 Eric Schwartz	2,999
11 Charles Drum	8,586	42 Alan Watson	4,611	87 Phil Regan	2,972
12 Sandra Drum	7,376	43 Irv Block	4,578	88 Pamela Miller	2,969
13 Roy Green	7,296	44 Richard Freedman	4,404	89 Sarah Peeke	2,957
14 Bill Irvine	7,272	45 David Leopold	4,396	90 Joan Ponn	2,909
15 Ilse Rothman	6,966	46 David Metcalf	4,258	91 John Flynn	2,874
16 Stephen Rzewski	6,632	47 Stewart Mackeigan	4,218	92 Ruth Linsky	2,847
17 Edward Rothman	6,629	48 Richard Zeckhauser	4,212	93 Elaine Newburg	2,835
18 Marlene Keliher	6,563	49 Amnon Gabay	4,206	94 Lewis Gamerman	2,791
19 William Braucher	6,441	50 Barbara Burgess	4,088	95 Alma Goldman	2,790
20 Haven Sharaf	6,342	51 Joseph Cappannelli	4,061	96 Daniel Nussbaum	2,781
21 Margie Sullivan	6,135	52 Kevin O'Donnell	3,952	97 Neil Montague	2,775
22 Barbara Stone	6,124	53 Gerald Seixas	3,891	98 Christopher Apitz	2,763
23 Mark Aquino	6,040	54 S Hamilton-Diesel	3,840	99 Robert Gacicia	2,717
24 Robert Barr	6,037	55 Luke Gillespie	3,830	100 Teng Sun Liu	2,698
25 Carolyn Sessler	5,974	56 John McDermott	3,757	101 Yi Keng Liu	2,690
26 Rick Binder	5,801	57 Mimi Santini Ritt	3,749	102 Nancy Flynn	2,685
27 Brenda Montague	5,795	58 Jeanne McKenzie	3,738	103 Tom Macbeth	2,683
28 John Saxe	5,620	59 Donald Caplin	3,680	104 Ann Baum	2,666
29 Carole Weinstein	5,368	60 Judy Fiske	3,652	105 Stuart Whittle	2,645
30 Glenn McIntyre	5,276	61 Donna Marshall	3,630	106 Elyse Katz	2,633
31 David Becher	5,252	62 John McLaughlin	3,618	107 Al Comeau	2,617
		63 Bernard Yomtov	3,499	108 Stephen Schectman	2,590
		64 Phyllis Sheckman	3,468	109 Steven Groag	2,589
		65 Sandra Nyman	3,422	110 Saul Agranoff	2,574
		66 Nathan Glasser	3,396	111 Ann Walfield	2,535
		67 James Rasmussen	3,374	112 Patricia Worthley	2,526
		68 James Streisand	3,341	113 Jacqueline Kovacs	2,511
		69 Haskell Fuller	3,341	114 David Filman	2,508
		70 Nataly Goldin	3,337	115 Helen Flanagan	2,478
		71 James Tullis	3,325	116 Francis Lombardo	2,461
		72 Mark Gallagher	3,285	117 Donald Carow	2,444
		73 Bud Biswas	3,282	118 Patricia Hanna	2,441
		74 Stephen Hess	3,240	119 Robert Prevoir	2,440
		75 Natalie Bassil	3,213	120 Alfred Landman	2,433
		76 Robert Hickey	3,187		

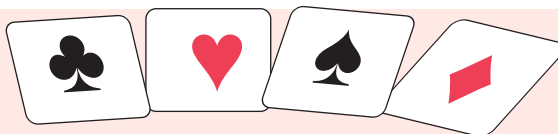
121 Anton Tsyarkin	2,430
122 Ellen Dilbert	2,424
123 Simon Cohen	2,414
124 Richard Weiss	2,389
125 Robert McCaw	2,386
126 Rita Baudo	2,371
127 Rita Allen	2,369
128 Joyce Pearson	2,358
129 Rolf Paul	2,354
130 David Green	2,335
131 Rosalyn Grossman	2,334
132 Dorothy Nelson	2,311
133 Frank Kiely Jr	2,307
134 Edward Nugent	2,304
135 Evelyn Ruby	2,293
136 Paul Simon	2,284
137 Ramona Marrier	2,271
138 John Lindsey II	2,258
139 Ken Bloom	2,240
140 Carolyn Weiser	2,231
141 Dean Panagopoulos	2,221
142 Richard Le Freniere	2,219
143 Alan Frantz	2,215
144 Marilyn McCann	2,196
145 Derrick Niederman	2,182
146 Kenneth McNeill	2,182
147 Thomas Deady Jr.	2,179
148 Yiji Starr	2,178
149 Margaret Malaspina	2,166
150 Peter Crane	2,141

In 2009, it took 121 more points to make the Nifty 150 than it did in 2008.

IN MEMORIAM



Dr. Lilo Grubner	Brighton
Clarence Galston	Westwood
Bob Kelleher	Dover
Norman Boucher	Centerville
Barbara Fallon	Andover
Robert Linder	Charleston
Virginia Scicchitani	Concord
Joan Ponn	Georgetown



RECENT TOURNAMENT WINNERS

EMBA Winter Sectional February 19-21

Friday Stratified Pairs

Flight A

- 1 L Gamerman and Bob McCaw
- 2 K Gilman and R Hillyard

Flight C

- 1 Joe Silvestro and Dick Majcher

Friday 299er pairs

- 1 Diogo Teixeira and C Halkiotis

Flight B

- 1 K Gilman and R Hillyard
- 2 Gloria Tsoi and S McDevitt

- 2 Adish Jain and Asha Jain

- 2 Robert and Susan Williams

Saturday morning sidegame

- 1 Marian Hoffart and Sheila Thomas
- 2 Gora Banerjee and S Frymer

Saturday 299er Pairs--morning

- 1/2 David Kelman and B Tysor

- 1/2 John Tucker and Ken Roberts

Saturday 49er pairs

- 1 Florin Ilovici and Raymond Ilovici

- 2 James Cusack and Lucy Hulse

Saturday Stratified Pairs

- A Pam Miller and J Rasmussen

- B P Matthews and M Throop

- C Alan Horvitz and Robert Eachus

Saturday 299er Pairs--afternoon

- 1 Eleanor and Richard Phillips

- 2 M Albert & D Albert Roznberg

Sunday Swiss

- Flight A Alan Applebaum, Luke Gillespie, Mel Marcus, Sheila Gabay

- Flight BI Reid Fleming, Anne Dolbear, Mary Blake, Rich Stevens

- Flight BII (tied) Eva Milofsky, Ron Briggs, Andre Wiejacki, R Twombly
Paul Harris, Cecilla Borrás, Diogo Teixeira, Christine Halkiotis

299er Swiss

- Thomas Shake, James Troutman, William McAllister, Jeffy Demeter

EMBA GNT Winners

A final match will be played to determine the winner in the Championship flight. EMBA players who are contenders include **Pat McDevitt**, Brookline, who is on the DeMartino team, and **Lloyd Arvedon and Sheila Gabay**, who are on the Doub team. In Flight C, the winning team was not able to field three players for the NABC competition. As a result, the second place team will represent District 25 at the NABC. That team includes four EMBA players: **Kenneth Leon, Charles Curley, Michelle Blanchard and Kathy Aberizk**.

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EMBA Memorial **Sectional**

OPEN May 21-23 2010
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0-99er May 22-23 2010
Woburn, MA

E Keohane Senior **Regional**

April 28-May 2 2010
Chatham, MA

NE Summer Regional

June 21-27 2010
Sturbridge, MA



Letter from the President **Derrick Niederman**

Some years ago Peggy and I were playing in a sectional tournament in Vermont, and I stopped by the sales area of long-time bridge bookseller Dave Porriss. I picked up a copy of Larry Cohen's *The Law of Total Tricks*, and asked Dave whether the book might be suitable for me. He asked me how many masterpoints I had, and with all the pride I could muster I answered him with the hard, honest truth: "Fifteen." The look on Dave's face was priceless, but he couldn't have been nicer as he explained why the book was advanced for my level. I bought it anyway, discovering that he was right. But the nice thing about books like that is that you can grow into them. And that's exactly the type of growth we're hoping to foster in this year's Memorial Tournament, which will be split between Watertown, our usual venue, and The Bridge Spot in Woburn, where players with fewer than 100 masterpoints will play in a welcoming environment. You might not know that fully half of EMBA's 3,000 members qualify for this event. And if you've ever had fewer than 100 masterpoints, even as few as fifteen, you know that a little well-timed guidance can go a long way.